

Leicester in the central part of the state (J. Jackson, *Flora of Worcester County*, 4 (1909)).

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THE AUTHORS OF *SONCHUS ARVENSIS*, VAR. *GLABRESCENS*.—In 1910 attention was called¹ to the presence in our flora of an extreme variation of *Sonchus arvensis*, with glabrous involucre. The plant was then called var. *glabrescens* Wimm. & Grab. (1829); but it now appears that the name goes back to an earlier publication by Guenther, Wimmer & Grabowski (1824). The plant is frequently referred to by a later varietal name, var. *laevipes* Koch (1846). Its bibliography is *S. ARVENSIS*, var. *GLABRESCENS* Guenth. Grab. & Wimm. Enum. Stirp. Phan. Siles. 127 (1824); Wimm. & Grab. Fl. Siles. pt. 2, ii. 220 (1829). Var. *laevipes* Koch, Syn. ed. 2: 511 (1846).—M. L. FERNALD, Gray Herbarium.

AN EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE *QUERCUS ILICIFOLIA*.—Ordinarily the common scrub oak, *Quercus ilicifolia*, does not exceed 4 m. in height, although very occasionally individuals of 5 m. are reported. An abnormally large specimen attracted my attention while collecting for the New England Botanical Club during the annual field excursion in southern Rhode Island early this summer. Accurate measurements were not made for lack of time, but conservative estimates justify the following approximations: height, 10 m.; diameter at 2 m. from the ground, 18 cm. In order to convince my companion, Mr. Rehder, of the correct identification, I was obliged to climb the tree for the necessary evidence. The record will be placed in the Herbarium of the New England Botanical Club at Cambridge under date of June 12th, 1927, Washington County, R. I., in the vicinity of West Kingston Station.—R. J. EATON, Cambridge, Mass.

¹ Fernald & Wiegand, *RHODORA*, xii. 145 (1910).